

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A capsule filling machine for the production of hard gelatin capsules of the type with a capsule lid and a capsule body containing ~~particulate pharmaceutical material, in particular~~ micro-tablets or pellets, the machine comprising:

a first rotary carousel, which supports a plurality of slide units for picking up and handling the capsules in order to open then close the capsules by separating then joining the capsule lids and the capsule bodies; a second carousel, which rotates in such a way that it is synchronized with the first rotary carousel, having a plurality of ~~reciprocating doser means~~ hollow nozzles each having a plurality of seats on a lateral surface thereof for picking up and holding the micro-tablets or pellets, each hollow nozzle moving between a first operating position in which the ~~plurality of reciprocating doser means~~ hollow nozzle ~~pick~~ picks up the ~~particulate pharmaceutical material~~ micro-tablets or pellets from a tank containing the ~~material~~ micro-tablets or pellets which is attached to the machine and a second operating position in which the ~~reciprocating doser means~~ hollow nozzle ~~release~~ releases the ~~material~~ micro-tablets or pellets into the capsule bodies,

wherein ~~the doser means each comprise a hollow nozzle with a plurality of seats on an edge thereof for picking up and holding the particulate pharmaceutical material,~~ each seat of each nozzle ~~communicating~~ communicates with ~~pneumatic means, the pneumatic means comprising~~ pneumatic vacuum means which, in the first operating position, suck up and hold individual ~~particles of the material~~ micro-tablets or pellets in respective seats of the nozzle, and also communicates with pressurized pneumatic means which generate a flow that discharges the ~~particulate~~

~~pharmaceutical material~~ micro-tablets or pellets from the seats in the second operating position to allow the above-mentioned release into the capsule bodies.

2. (Currently Amended) The capsule filling machine according to claim 1, wherein the seats on the ~~edge~~ lateral surface of each nozzle are arranged on the lateral surface of the nozzle separated by angular spaces that are equal and relative to a longitudinal axis of the nozzle.

3. (Previously Presented) The capsule filling machine according to claim 2, wherein the angular spaces have an angle equal to 120° between adjacent seats.

4. (Currently Amended) The capsule filling machine according to any of the foregoing claims from 1 to 3, wherein the first carousel has a substantially funnel-shaped chamber designed to engage with the nozzle in the second operating position, allowing and facilitating ~~particle~~ micro-tablets or pellets infeed into the capsule body.